

MEMORANDUM

CITY OF WATERTOWN PLANNING OFFICE

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TO: Planning Board Members

FROM: Kenneth A. Mix, Planning and Community Development Coordinator

SUBJECT: Site Plan Amendment – 1340 Washington St

DATE: August 29, 2013

Request: Site Plan Amendment to remove fencing along the southern property line from the

approved site plan for North Country Neurology, 1340 Washington St, parcel 14-21-

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Applicant: Terry Wood, LUNCO

Proposed Use: Medical office, sleep lab

Property Owner: Sundus & Sarah LLC

Submitted:

Property Survey: No Preliminary Architectural Drawings: No

Site Plan: Yes Preliminary Site Engineering Plans: No

Vehicle and Pedestrian Circulation Plan: No Construction Time Schedule: No

Landscaping and Grading Plan: No Description of Uses, Hours & Traffic Volume: No

SEQRA: Unlisted Action County Review Required: No

Zoning Information:

District: Limited Business Maximum Lot Coverage: None

Setback Requirements: 20' Fr, 5' Sd, 25' Rr Buffer Zone Required: 5-15', South and West lines

Project Overview: The site plan for this project was originally approved September of 2012. A variance was also granted for the project to permit construction of fewer parking spaces than were required by code.

The applicant now proposes to remove the fence depicted in the approved plan along the southern property line, and install 3 additional spruce trees instead.

During construction, the grade between the parking lot and the neighboring parcel was steeper than expected, and large rock was placed on the slope as an erosion control measure. The presence of the rock has reduced the space available for installing the fence.

The fence is a component of the landscaped buffer between the office and the neighboring residential property. Removing it would reduce the project's compliance with the Landscaping and Buffer Zone Guidelines.

cc: Robert J. Slye, City Attorney
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